STATE OF MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2003-348

June 4, 2004

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION Investigation Into the Conservation Fund Assessments of the COU's PROCEDURAL ORDER

At the settlement conference held in this matter on May 25, 2004, the parties and the Advisory Staff were not able to agree on the amounts that the Commission should assess consumer-owned transmission and distribution (T&D) utilities for conservation programs.

Accordingly, the Examiner and parties discussed the proper procedure for the remainder of the investigation. No party saw the need for or asked for evidentiary hearings. All parties stated that they believed that no further process beyond that already afforded them, i.e. initial filings and responsive filings, was necessary before sending the case to the Advisory Staff for the preparation of an Examiner's Report. The parties will have the opportunity to file written comments or exceptions to the Examiner's Report. At least some of the parties desired the opportunity for an oral argument after exceptions are filed.

Accordingly, the following procedural schedule is established:

Examiner's Report June 10

Exceptions/Comments to the

Examiner's Report

June 24

Oral Argument July 1 at 1:00 p.m. in the Horace Libby

Hearing Room at the Commission

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 4th day of June, 2004.

BY ORDER OF THE HEARING EXAMINER

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